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## *For the Record*

*A resolution of standards of professional conduct for intelligence personnel:*

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Whereas despite the high standards of conduct established by the several federal intelligence agencies and observed by the majority of the intelligence personnel, there have been abuses; and

Whereas among the most serious such abuses have occurred where former intelligence personnel exploit for personal gain their former intelligence connections by creating, encouraging or permitting to exist among unwitting individuals or organizations an impression they are still in some way associated with or acting on behalf of an intelligence or other federal agency pursuant to a duly authorized national program or policy; and

Whereas such practice, from whatever motive, has the effect of directly supporting a primary objective of hostile intelligence agencies by casting doubt on the integrity and credibility of our intelligence organizations and personnel; and

Whereas such practice presents a serious obstacle to a primary objective of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, which is to encourage public understanding of and support for our intelligence agencies by promoting the highest standards of professionalism, discipline and personal integrity among intelligence personnel, both active and retired;

Be it resolved that the Association of Former Intelligence Officers . . . requests the officers of the association . . . to consult with the several private professional intelligence organizations for suggestions on possible means of addressing the issue of standards of professional conduct for intelligence personnel.

# AFIO Convention Affirms Three Resolutions

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At the Saturday, October 3 business session of the annual convention, the following three resolutions drawn up by AFIO's Executive Committee and endorsed by our Board of Directors, were overwhelmingly approved by the delegates. (Copies of the resolutions have been forwarded to the appropriate committees of the Congress):

## Resolution on Protecting the Identities of Intelligence Agents

WHEREAS there is a concerted effort on the part of those who would destroy the United States intelligence services by systematically identifying all U.S. intelligence operatives in other countries, an effort most graphically displayed in such periodicals as *Covert Action Information Bulletin* and *Counter Spy*; and

WHEREAS these disclosures are believed to have resulted in the murder of one CIA station chief, the machine-gunning of the home of another person who was so identified, and other incidents; and

WHEREAS these disclosures endanger the lives of U.S. intelligence operatives and seriously impair the effectiveness of intelligence activities; and

WHEREAS hearings have been held on such legislation, H.R.4 in the House and S.391 in the Senate, and said bills are substantively identical, with the House having approved H.R.4 on September 23, 1981;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Former Intelligence Officers in convention assembled on October 3, 1981 calls upon Congress to enact either S.391 or H.R.4 into law as expeditiously as possible.

## Resolution on Freedom of Information Act

WHEREAS the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) as applied to the intelligence community has seriously impaired the effectiveness of intelligence efforts; and

WHEREAS the Freedom of Information Act has created substantial monetary burdens and diversion of senior officer skills in the Intelligence Community; and

WHEREAS the inability of intelligence agencies to assure sources, whether human, governmental, or institutional, both foreign and domestic, that the agencies can fully protect identities and sensitive information from exposure under the Freedom of Information Act, causing a substantial reduction of cooperation and the loss of many sources; and

WHEREAS the basic purposes of the Freedom of Information Act can be fulfilled on behalf of historians and scholars, and also those desiring knowledge of files kept on themselves through application under the provisions of the Privacy Act and the declassification provisions of Executive Order 12065; and

WHEREAS representatives of the Intelligence Community and the Association of Former Intelligence Officers in testimony on July 21, 1981 before the Senate

Select Committee on Intelligence on S.1273, which provides some relief from the onerous requirements of FOIA, urged the Committee to provide additional relief by exempting CIA and other intelligence entities entirely from FOIA;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Former Intelligence Officers in convention assembled on October 3, 1981 press upon the Congress the urgency of acting upon S.1273 and the recommendations of the Intelligence Community and the Association of Former Intelligence Officers that all intelligence entities be exempted entirely from the Freedom of Information Act.

## Resolution on Standards of Professional Conduct for Intelligence Personnel

WHEREAS despite the high standards of conduct established by the several Federal intelligence agencies and observed by the majority of intelligence personnel, there have been abuses; and

WHEREAS among the most serious abuses have occurred where former intelligence personnel exploit for personal gain their former intelligence connections by creating, encouraging or permitting to exist among unwitting individuals or organizations an impression they are still in some way associated with or acting on behalf of an intelligence or other Federal agency pursuant to a duly authorized National program or policy; and

WHEREAS such practice, from whatever motive, has the effect of directly supporting a primary objective of hostile intelligence services by casting doubt on the integrity and credibility of our intelligence organizations and personnel; and

WHEREAS such practice presents a serious obstacle to a primary objective of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, which is to encourage public understanding of and support for our intelligence agencies by promoting the highest standards of professionalism, discipline and personal integrity among intelligence personnel, both active and retired;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Former Intelligence Officers in convention assembled on October 3, 1981, requests the officers of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers to consult with the several private professional intelligence organizations for suggestions on possible means of addressing the issue of standards of professional conduct for intelligence personnel and present their findings to the Board of Directors of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers.